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SUBJECT: GEIR HALLGRIMSSON TO ATTEMPT TO FORM ALL PARTY GOVERNMENT

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. INDEPENDENCE PARTY (IP) CHAIRMAN
GEIR HALLGRIMSSON REPORTED TO PRESIDENT ELDJARN AUGUST 2
THAT HE ACCEPTED MANDATE TO TRY TO FORM NEW GOVERNMENT.
AT AFTERNOON PRESS CONFERENCE HALLGRIMSSON SAID HIS FIRST
EFFORT WOULD BE TO ATTEMPT TO FORM GOVERNMENT OF ALL FOUR
PARTIES. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT CHANCES OF SUCCESS
ARE NOT GREAT. HALLGRIMSSON WILL MEET WITH CHAIRMEN OF
OTHER THREE PARTIES MORNING AUGUST 3 FOR PRELIMINARY TALKS.
HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY
MOVEMENT PRIOR TO END OF WEEKEND SINCE EACH OF THREE OTHER
PARTIES WILL HAVE TO MEET INDIVIDUALLY TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY
OF FOUR PARTY COALITION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: IN RECENT DAYS, FIGHTING BETWEEN PEOPLE'S
ALLIANCE (PA) AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) HAS
BECOME MORE ACRIMONIOUS AS EACH BITTERLY ACCUSES OTHER
OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE OF PREVIOUS ROUND OF
COALITION NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE HALLGRIMSSON'S TALK
OF "ALL-PARTY" GOVERNMENT MAY ONLY BE STRATEGIC PLOY

TO SHOW CLEARLY TO ICELANDIC PUBLIC THAT IT IS PA THAT
BLOCKS GOVERNMENT FORMATION. CURRENT SPECULATION IS
THAT HALLGRIMSSON IS REALLY AIMING FOR THREE-PARTY
GOVERNMENT AMONG IP, SDP, AND PROGRESSIVE PARTY.
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